

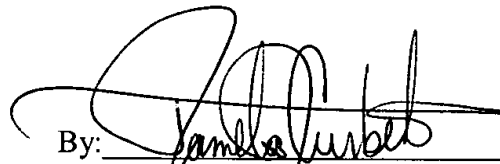
**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 38 are pending in the present application. Claims 17 - 38 have been, without prejudice, as subject to a restriction requirement, while Claim 1 has been amended, leaving Claims 1 - 16 for consideration upon entering the present amendment. Claim 1 as merely been amended for clarity and consistency of language and not in consideration of any prior art. Support for the amendment can at least be found in Claim 17 as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants request entry of the above amendments prior to examination. If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Assignee.

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